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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF JULY 14

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1. THE CONTACT GROUP MET JULY 14 TO CONSIDER IN LIGHT
OF VIEWS OF CAPITALS THE NEXT STEPS ON NAMIBIA
PROPOSED REFTEL. THE GROUP RECONFIRMED THOSE STEPS
WITH ONLY ONE CHANGE: INSTEAD OF HOLDING AN INFORMAL
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CONSULTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JULY 17,
AS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED, THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT THE
SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT (CANADA) SHOULD BEGIN CON-
SULTATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL. THE PURPOSE OF THESE INDIVIDUAL CONSULTA-
TIONS WOULD BE TO INFORM THE MEMBERS OF HOW THE FIVE
INTEND TO PROCEED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, ADVISE THEM

OF OUR HOPE THAT A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING COULD BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 24, AND ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE NECESSARY GROUNDWORK IS LAID BEFORE WE PROCEED. OUR SPECIAL CONCERN IS THAT WE BE CERTAIN THAT THE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE RECEIVED PROPER INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE WE CALL FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AS A GROUP. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL AS A GROUP WOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (MOST LIKELY TOWARDS THE END OF THE WEEK OF JULY 17).

2. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE A SENSE OF MOMENTUM, THE GROUP WILL LET IT BE KNOWN IN CONVERSATIONS AT THE UN THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT IS HOLDING INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS ABOUT THE TIMING OF SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE REQUESTED TODAY (JULY 14) THAT THE JOINT LUANDA COMMUNIQUE BE CIRCULATED AS A SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT.

3. THE CONTACT GROUP ALSO AGREED ON DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND ON A DRAFT MESSAGE FOR THE FRONTLINE STATES, NIGERIA, AND GABON. THESE TEXTS ARE CONTAINED SEPTTEL.
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